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COAL DRYING METHOD AND EQUIPMENT, METHOD FOR AGING REFORMED COAL AND AGED

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COAL

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- [X] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (68 pages).
- [X] Formal drawings (3 sheets, Figures 1-3).
- [X] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (3 pages).
- Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages). [X]
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